

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace paragraph [56] of Applicants' originally filed patent application with the following rewritten paragraph:

[56] Protective case 202 has an additional orifice (not shown) provided in base member 204 to permit cable 210 to be inserted into the case. Cable 210 extends from headpiece 208 into case 202 to mate with connector 188 of speech processor module 180. The orifice may be sealed, for example, by a grommet 316 provided around the distal end of cable 210. For example, in one embodiment, grommet 316 and ~~orifice 214~~ the orifice are constructed and arranged to prevent water from entering protective case 202.

Replace paragraph [83] of Applicants' originally filed patent application with the following rewritten paragraph:

[83] In one embodiment, such performance criteria is not provided to the recipient when speech processor module 180 is mounted in protective case 202. In an alternative embodiment, a portion of cover member 206 and/or base member ~~206-are 204 are~~ transparent to provide a view into a protective case 202 such that internal display 536 can be seen from a position external to protective case 202.